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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT ON OASGA HUMAN
RIGHTS RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 142407

1. I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALEZ-REVILLA MORNING OF
JUNE 20 TO URGE GOP SUPPORT FOR A STRONG HUMAN RIGHTS
RESOLUTION AT OASGA ALONG LINES OF DRAFT RESOLUTION BEING
CO-SPONSORED BY US, VENEZUELA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND
COSTA RICA, WHICH I SAID ENJOYED SUPPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL
NUMBER OF OTHER MEMBER STATES. I STRESSED IMPORTANCE
OF HUMAN RIGHTS NOT ONLY AS A MAJOR THRUST IN US FOREIGN
POLICY, BUT ALSO IN THE CONGRESS AND AMERICAN PUBLIC IN
GENERAL. I SAID GOP SUPPORT FOR A GOOD RESOLUTION WOULD
YEILD BENEFITS IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTACNE BY CONGRESS AND
AMERICAN PUBLIC OF NEW CANAL TREATY. I URGED HE INSTRUCT
AMBASSADOR PITTI TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF STRONG DRAFT RESOLUTION.

2. GONZALEZ-REVILLA ACKNOELEDGED MY ARGUMENTATION BUT
SAID GOP MUST STEER COURSE BETWEEN VARIOUS BLOCKS AND
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POINTS OF VIEW CIRCULATING AT GRENADA. HE INDICATED
PANAMA ALREADY MAKING SOME "ENEMIES" AMONG LAS BECAUSE OF
ITS STANCE ON GUATEMALA - BELIZE DISPUTE. BECAUSE OF
GOP'S DESIRE TO RETAIN WIDE SUPPORT FOR ITS CAUSE (THE
TREATY) GOP WILL NOT TAKE A LEADING ROLL IN FAVOR OF ANY
PARTICULARS HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION BUT WILL JOIN A CONSENSUS.
AS OUR CONVERSATION DEVELOPED IT BECAME QUITE CLEAR THAT

KEY TO THE PROBLEM IS THE POSITION OF COLOMBIA BECAUSE PANAMA WILL NOT CHOOSE SIDES ON THIS QUESTION BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA. HE SAID SOLUTION WOULD BE TO OBTAIN COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO TO JOIN CONSENSUS.

3. AT THIS POINT I REITERATED REQUEST HE CALL AMBASSADOR PITTI TO SUPPORT OUR RESOLUTION AND PERHAPS ENLIST LATTER'S ASSISTANCE IN PERSUADING COLOMBIA TO JOIN GROWING CONSENSUS. ALTHOUGH NOT COMMITTING GOP POSITION, GONZALEZ-REVILLA SAID HE WOULD BE CONSULTING ON MATTER (PRESUMABLY WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS) AND ALSO TALKING LATER TODAY WITH GOP DELEGATION AT GRENADA.
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